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Re-appointments.
TRENTON, N. J., March 23.—Gov. Werts yesterday sent to the senate the nominations of Alex. T. McGill, as chancellor, and Wm J. Magie, as justice of the supreme court. McGill and Magie are reappointments.

Given under my hand, at Decatur, Illinois,
his 2^d day of March, A. D. 1894.
MARDEN C. WALLACE, Town Clerk.
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THE DAILY REPUBLICAN.
"Photographic Tour of the World."
COUPON.
This coupon is received (when accompanied by two others and eight cents) for "Photographic Tour of the World"—Part 6, as elsewhere advertised. Dates are changed daily and coupons must be different but need not be consecutive.
PART 6, MAR. 23.

SPECIAL COUPON.
(For back numbers.)
This coupon and two others and eight cents in coin are good for any back number of the "Photographic Tour of the World."
MARCH 23. No. 28.

SOCIETY MEETINGS.
I. O. O. F.—Regular meeting of Columbian Lodge, No. 150, I. O. O. F., this (Friday) evening at 7:30 o'clock. Officers and members earnestly requested to be prompt. Visiting members cordially invited to meet with us. Meetings in Masonic temple on third floor. Mrs. MARY G. ALLEN, W. M. S. B. LEE, N. G.
ANNETTE MOORE, Sec.
MODERN WOODMEN—Regular meeting of M. Deaneur Lodge, No. 111, M. W. A., this (Friday) evening at 7:30 o'clock, in new K. of P. hall, Business and W. S. T. H. VEST, V. G. G. P. LEWIS, Clerk.

PERSONAL MENTION.
Edwin A. Ewing, of Chicago, was in the city last evening.
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McNabb, on Thursday, March 22— a son.
Mrs. S. S. Jack will soon leave for Pittsburg, Pa., on a visit to relatives.
Miss Mollie Shoenaker has gone to Centralia to visit her sister, Mrs. Harry Schwartz.
Mrs. A. H. Barber, of Phoenix, Arizona, is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Chubb.
Mrs. Mary Deane and daughter, of Shreveport, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. Kramer.
Gordon Penhaligon, of Cincinnati, is in the city visiting his parents, Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Penhaligon.
Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Adams entertained a company of friends last evening at their home in Riverside Place.
Rev. Hardin Smith, pastor of the Antioch Baptist church, has returned from Knoxville, Mo., and will preach Sunday.
Miss Carrie Bishop, of Cleveland, Ohio, is the guest of Attorney and Mrs. A. A. Buckingham on West William street.
Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Kirkbride left today for La Placa to attend the birthday anniversary of Mr. Kirkbride's sister, Mrs. Wm. Hudson, which occurs tonight.
Rev. D. F. Howe departed today for Hammond, where this afternoon he will conduct the funeral of Mr. Lincoln, the father of Mrs. Harry Conklin, of this city.
Misses Laura Martin, Kate Aikin, Cora Lee and Clara Hoffman, Nettie O. Fritchett, Luanda Johnson, Clara Eymann, Mattie E. Kerr, Alta Deaton, Kate Denning, Charlotte Adams, Eva Humphrey, Elizabeth Howe, Mrs. A. E. Murphy, Capt. E. A. Gastman, J. L. Miller, and J. F. Wicks, of Brady left last night for Normal to attend the state teachers' meeting.

Death at the Age of 94.
Dr. and Mrs. S. J. Bunstead left this afternoon for Rutledge, Henderson county, Ill., to attend the funeral of the late Rev. S. A. Bunstead, father of the doctor, who died last night at the advanced age of 94 years. Dr. B. left his father last Wednesday apparently in improved health, but a change for the worse came yesterday evening and he expired in the night. Dr. Bunstead will be out of the city on his sad mission until some time next week.

SEVERAL fine fishing outfits were purchased today by local lovers of the sport from the E. K. Tyson, Jr., & Co., fishing tackle exhibition now in progress at the H. Mueller Gun company's establishment. It is an attractive display and everybody should see it. The latest contrivances to inveigle the finny tribe can there be found.

Mrs. Geo. Elliott, of 1170 North Edward street, has received a telegram announcing the death of her sister, Mrs. Harriet Allen, of Greenwood, Mo. Mrs. Allen has friends in this city who will be anxious to learn of her death, which occurred Tuesday evening.

The Huff Bros. of Decatur have purchased a large interest in the M. & R. Co. lumber business at Moweaqua, but they will continue their planing mill business in this place as usual.
Throuse with a trumpet Henry Kees' on E. at 6 o'clock last evening brought out the No. 2 firemen. No. 1.

HIGGINS HUNG.
One Chicago Murderer Pays the Penalty of His Crime.
[SPECIAL TO THE REPUBLICAN]
CHICAGO, March 23.—Thomas Higgins, the murderer of Peter McCoolley, was hanged at the county jail to-day between 12 and 1 o'clock.
POWDER MILL EXPLOSION.
[SPECIAL TO THE REPUBLICAN]
CHICAGO, March 23.—The Acme Powder Works, near Black's Run, Pa., exploded this morning, killing five people and damaging much property in the adjoining town.

SULLEN.
[SPECIAL TO THE REPUBLICAN]
CHICAGO, March 23.—Prendergast, Carter Harrison's assassin, received the news of the stay of execution to April 6th suddenly. Judge Chastaine's declaration that he had been tried for sanity by a jury, he called "mere justice."

WHERE THEY GO.
Official Figures as the Result of the Chapman Meetings.
Secretary Woodford, of the Y. M. C. A., had charge of all the confession cards signed during the Dr. Chapman meetings. Each signer was required to give his church preference. The desires were expressed as noted below:
First M. E. church.....168
Presbyterian.....136
Baptist.....133
Grace Methodist church.....109
Congregational.....104
Christian church.....97
United Brethren church.....97
No preference.....57
German Methodist church.....55
Church of God.....47
The Cumberland Presbyterian church.....45
Episcopal church.....44
Free Methodist church.....3
German Lutheran.....3
Adventist church.....2
Catholic.....2
Evangelical Lutheran church.....1
Jewish church.....1
Friends.....1
Unitarian church.....1
Total.....393

MAY GO TO CHICAGO.
A Flattering Offer Made Dr. J. A. Dawson, of this City.

Regarding Dr. J. A. Dawson's resignation as cashier of the Citizens' National bank and his probable removal to Chicago, that gentleman stated this morning in an interview: "Yes, it is true that I have received a flattering offer to go to Chicago and become cashier of a new banking institution in Chicago. The offer was entirely unsolicited and for awhile I gave it no consideration. Being in Chicago recently on entirely different business I met by accident some of the promoters of the new institution and I then investigated it. It is such an offer as could not be made to a cashier of a Decatur bank in twenty years and is certainly worth the investigation. No steps have been taken by myself and I am yet undecided as to my future actions."

C. P. Housum in Florida.
Attorney J. C. Hosteller this morning received an interesting letter from C. P. Housum, who is at present at St. Petersburg, Florida. He writes that he is, in company with seven friends, he caught 438 fish at a point 18 miles distant, and weighed as follows: Spanish Mackerel, 283 pounds and Sea Trout, 50 pounds. He stated that W. L. Smith was with him at St. Petersburg but intends going to St. Augustine, about April first. He writes: "Am saving all I can from the sale of fish caught so that I can have a little more than \$200 cash capital in the Economy Bank. If it were not for the excessive scarcity of 'bait' I could do better, but you must have bait if you wish to catch fish in Florida." The market pays 5 cents per pound for Spanish Mackerel, 2 cents for Sea Trout and 1 1/2 cents for Sheepshead. Mr. Housum writes that he expects to return home about May first.

An Unlucky Report.
It has been reported by some designing or misinformed person that J. L. Drake, who is a candidate for alderman in the Seventh Ward, set off to the Republican ward primary, is not a good Republican and that he has been in the habit of voting the Democratic ticket. This is unjust to Mr. Drake, who is known by those who are best acquainted with him, to be a Republican from principle and that he always consistently supports the party of his choice in every contest.

YESTERDAY afternoon Jacksonville had a \$60,000 fire. Wadsworth & Matheson, wholesale and retail dealers in hardware, wagon and buggy stores, were burned out, and C. V. Frankenberg, china and glassware merchant, lost his stock. Insurance \$32,000. A fireman had a leg broken and three others fell from a broken ladder.

MYSTERY TEMPLE, No. 2, Pythian Sisters, will give an Easter entertainment on Monday evening, March 26, at Cour de Leon castle hall, consisting of a program and Easter lunch, of which an admission fee of 10 cents will be charged at the door.
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NEW CLUB ROOMS.
Handsomely Furnished by the New Social Rank of the O. K. of A.
Grand Musical Entertainment to be Given by Them Wednesday March 28th.

Six weeks ago the new Social Rank of the Catholic Knights of America was organized, and through the energy of its members has already assumed greater proportions than was anticipated by the most enthusiastic of its promoters. The second and third floor of the Vail building on the north side of the Park has been leased, and parlors, library, reading room, billiard hall, and gymnasium have been fitted up in elegant style. No money or pains have been spared to make the club rooms both a credit to the members and the city of Decatur. At the Supreme Council of the O. K. of A. last May, the Social Rank feature of the organization was agitated and approved. But Branch 464, of this city is the first in the United States to organize. Hence Social Rank, No. 1, of Decatur, will have a national reputation. Nearly \$2,000 will be spent in furnishing the club rooms and to partly defray this heavy expense, the Rank will give a series of entertainments, the first of which will occur Wednesday, March 28th. The Social Rank has the assistance of Goodman's full band and augmented orchestra, and the Arion Quartette. An elaborate program has been arranged, and among others who will take part are Miss Josephine Laux, who will give a vocal selection; Prof. Wm. Neese a violin solo, and Prof. Robert Walter a clarinet solo. The band and orchestra have been rehearsing an entire new program of musical specialties, among which will be their new descriptive piece, "A Trip to the Country." This will be the musical event of the season, and should be liberally patronized both by the friends of the band and the club. The general admission will be 25 cents; reserved seats, 35 cents; boxes, \$3.00. Seats on sale at Tyler's drug store.

Notice to Fishermen.
Mr. Charles E. Stenographer, representing E. K. Tyson, Jr., & Co., the largest fishing tackle house in the United States, will be here on Friday and Saturday, March 23 and 24, with a full line of fishing tackle, including poles, lines and bait of all kinds used in this territory. He would like to meet everyone who takes an interest in fishing, at the store of the H. H. & J. Gun Co., in order that he may show them the many new things in this line which have been brought out for 1894.
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PART VI.
Part VI., "Photographic Tour of the World," will be ready to-morrow. It is a superb number fully worth all that the entire 16 parts cost. Christ's entry into Jerusalem and the scene in the garden of Gethsemane, are as fine as modern art can make them. Remember three coupons and eight cents secures this number. Come to-morrow. Back numbers may also be had at the REPUBLICAN office.

The Event of the Season.
The grand musical entertainment given by the O. K. of A. social rank, assisted by Goodman's full band and augmented orchestra and the Arion Quartet. General admission 25 cents. Reserved seats 35 cents. Boxes \$3.00. Seats on sale, March 28th, at Tyler's opera house drug store.
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Central Committee Meeting.
The Republican Township Central Committee and the candidates nominated at the recent Republican township convention, will meet at Eugene Probst's office Friday evening, March 23, at 7:30 o'clock. H. K. MIDKIFF, Chairman.
C. N. TWADDELL, Sec'y.

If you wish to buy WHITE CHINA at our SPECIAL SALE PRICE, kindly avail yourself of the opportunity this week, as this sale will CLOSE SATURDAY, and you will not have such a chance for a year again.

Lost Keys.
To-day a citizen lost a bunch of valuable keys on a chain ring, one a brand-new key. The finder will be suitably rewarded by leaving them at this office.
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Great Revival.
Of interest in gardening since such good seed can be found at Geo. S. Parfitt & Bro.'s, Opera House block, South Water street.
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Easter Opening.
Pattern Hats, Bonnets and Millinery novelties. You are cordially invited. Sawyer & McCoy, 110 North Water street.
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Easter Novelties, in silver, just received by O to E Curtis & Bro.

LINN & SCRUGGS
DRY GOODS & CARPET COMPANY.
* EASTER NOVELTIES! *
All Our Own Importations. Never so Fine a Line of Goods Shown in Central Illinois.
** ALL DEPARTMENTS COMPLETE. **

NOVELTIES IN LINGERIE.
Moire Inconceivable Scarf.....\$3.00
Plain Inconceivable Scarf.....\$2.00
Fancy Scarf.....3.50
Fancy Bow.....2.00
Moire Saree.....1.50
100 doz. Fancy and Plain Bows.....35c

NOVELTIES IN GLOVES and PARASOLS.
All the latest shades in Gloves for Easter.....\$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$1.75
Largest Styles in Parasols for Easter.....Prices each from \$1.50 to \$7.00

Novelties in Ribbons and Laces.
Very Latest Styles in Ribbons.....at 8c, 10c, 15c, 20c, 25c
Laces in all widths and grades.....at 5c, 10c, 15c, 20c, 25c, 30c, 50c
Wide and Narrow Insertions.....at 12 1/2c, 15c, 20c, 25c, 35c, 50c

NOVELTIES IN SILKS.
100 pieces Colored China Silk, yard.....25c
20 pieces White Habutai Silk.....40c, 50c
14 pieces Fancy Chinese Silk.....\$1.00
5 pieces Black China Silk, waterproof.....65c
40 pieces Colored China Silk.....50c

NOVELTIES IN WOOL DRESS GOODS.
175 Paris and Berlin Dress Robes—no two Dresses alike; material plenty to make full suits. Special price this week per suit.....\$7.50, \$8.00, \$9.00, \$10 up to \$40
47 yards 34-inch Changeable Figured Wool Dress Goods, latest colorings, at.....15c

NOVELTIES IN WASH DRESS GOODS.
The greatest line of wash goods ever shown. We have just received our importation on wash goods, the greatest dep'tment of its kind in Illinois. Goods and be convinced.
Washes showing real Scotch 2-ply, our own importation, worth 50c, at.....25c
Red German waisted dress in variety of colors with 75c at.....65c
Real Irish Linen Lawn at.....12 1/2c
Real fancy dimity at.....10c
English cotton duck.....15c
Figured crepeone.....12 1/2c
French figured satens at.....12 1/2c, 15c, 20c and 35c
An Easter present, entire new novelty. Silk look mark, only.....25c



SPECIAL SALE
Ladies Silk and Cotton
* WAISTS. *
PRICES---49c, 75c, \$1.00
\$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75
2.00, 2.50, 3.00



Misses' School Dresses.
\$1.50, \$2.00 and \$3.00
A SUIT.



EASTER JACKETS AND CAPES.
\$2.98 \$3.50 \$4.00
4.50 6.00 6.00
7.00 8.00



SPRING SEASON
Our large and fashionable lines of W are now in and on sale. Last season's satisfactory, owing to the reputation of our work. We have made extra the demands of the trade, and know our house will meet with general approval.
Our Custom Department recently added, is something that has been long desired by our customers desiring novelties in Fine Shirts, Madras Cloths, with guaranteed fits, made by us and under our own supervision. Remember the leading Hat for the season.
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now on sale, the most fashionable of any of our various lines.
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IF You Want A Stylish Outfit
J. G. STARR
West Side Lincoln Square

WE have EIGHT FLOORS exclusively to Vehicles and Harnesses. We handle BIRDSALL and can now furnish you the best.
THEY WILL BE

THE GREAT ENGLISH GERMAN DOGS
FREE FOR ONE DAY
Monday, March 24th
Who visit these Eminent Physicians for Active Medical Services and Surgeons.
THEY WILL BE
ALL CHRONIC DISEASES
Office at St. Nicholas
HOURS: 9 A. M. to 10 P. M.
1st office Chicago.
These Physicians will Return Every P.

IF YOU WISH TO BUY

WHITE CHINA

—AT OUR—

SPECIAL SALE PRICE

Kindly avail yourself of the opportunity this week, as this sale will

Close Saturday,

and you will not have such a chance for a year again.

OTTO E. CURTIS & BRO.

Custom is Hard To Change.

Easter is at hand and it is the season of the year when the Ladies, and Gentlemen as well, appear in bright, new and stylish apparel.

IN THE LINE OF FOOTWEAR

We have just what you are looking for.

Our New Stock has been arriving during the week and we know that it is the most extensive that has ever been seen in Decatur. To-day and To-morrow we will

HOLD A RECEPTION

for the Ladies, and we want them all to come. We have something that will both please and interest them, and we have a staff of gentlemanly salesmen to give all who come prompt and courteous attention.

LADIES' SLIPPERS.

This is the season when the young ladies don their handsome new slippers. Now we have a specially selected line of slippers which is very complete. We have some Tan Slippers that are just the thing. They are new in style and very neat.

A Black Slipper is always stylish and this year they are indeed handsome. We have a large stock that has just arrived.

Gentlemen--Young and Old.

You certainly want a new pair of shoes for Easter and we have just the thing. We have received a line of Patent Leather Club Top Button Shoes that are very dandy.

Then we have the very newest Tan Vici Kid, razor or square toed shoes. We have also the Russia Calf Shoes in all the different styles.

Children and Misses.

They should not be forgotten. We certainly have not overlooked them, for we have laid in a new and complete line of shoes for them in all grades and styles.

OUR PRICES you now have always been satisfactory, and we propose to maintain our past record in that particular.

FRANK H. COLE SHOE CO.,
148 EAST MAIN STREET.

F. BOBO, Manager

DAILY REPUBLICAN.

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WOOD'S OYSTERS TO SUIT YOU.

FRIDAY EVE. MARCH 23, 1904.

REPUBLICAN TICKET.

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CITY NEWS.

Smoke the old reliable K. & W. cigars. mar25dtf

USE WHITE LOAF FLOUR.

ICE ORNAM for sale by the quart or gallon at Irwin's.

Now is the time to take Irwin's Sarsaparilla for the blood.

We have something entirely new in "Signs,"—228 West Main St. 12-dtf

HOUSE PAINTING, paper hanging, etc.—first-class work guaranteed 228 West Main street. mar12-11f

CADWELL'S Syrup Pepsin for constipation and sick headache—10 dozen 10 cents. jan4-dtf

UPHOLSTERING of all kinds done to order. RICHMAN BROS. & MARTIN CO. mar20-dtf

Call at Dr. Hoskins new dental office in Grand opera house block, ground floor. jan3-3dtf

All the novelties in Spring Styles of new goods now ready for inspection at the Race Clothing Mfg. Co's. d&w

The Ladies' Trustee Aid Society will give an April Fool entertainment at the A. M. E. church Monday night, April 2.

USE WHITE LOAF FLOUR.

GENS' Silver Holders and Neckties Fasteners in silver, at Otto E. Curtis & Bro's.

For asparagus roots, for shade trees, or any other kind of a tree wanted, see Decatur Nursery. mar12-dlm

We will make you any kind of a parlor suit you want. Patronize home industry. BACHMAN BROS. & MARTIN CO. mar20dtf

The children of the public schools will have a vacation of one week. It is the spring vacation. No more school after to-day until April 2d.

The Buyers' and Merchants' Benefit Bureau saves you 4 per cent on your entire living expenses. Call upon the manager, L. Chodat and learn how. dec18dtf

EDWARD C. GAY, practical fire insurance agent and adjuster, 337 North Water street. See him before you insure or renew your policies. He will treat you right. mar23-dlm*

CHARLES JOHNSON, the negro arrested at Springfield, is wanted for selling a team of horses mortgaged to Will A. Andrews. Officer Williamson and Mr. Andrews left for Springfield to-day to bring Johnson back for trial.

"March to earth" is the old adage. It means out any weakness of the system, resulting in pure blood. Those who use Ayer's Sarsaparilla find much more searching or even disagreeable than at other months. This medicine is a faithful invigorator.

THE INGERSOLL LECTURE.

A Large Audience at the Grand to Listen to the Brilliant Orator.

Points on "What Must We Do to Be Saved?"—Ingersoll's Religion.

Colonel Robert G. Ingersoll, the noted free-thinker, lawyer and orator, filled his engagement at the Grand last night and was greeted by a large audience, the prices being 50 and 75 cents and \$1.00. The gallery and balcony appeared to be crowded, and on the first floor about three-fourths of the seats were taken. One box was occupied, and in another was seated alone Mrs. Ingersoll who is a fine-looking woman, stylishly dressed. She appeared to enjoy the lecture as though she had never heard it before, and when the audience applauded she smiled. The audience was largely made up of men, many not residents of Decatur.

Colonel Ingersoll came upon the stage alone with manuscript in hand, which he placed upon the desk near the front and at the center of the stage. He was greeted by a burst of applause and everybody settled themselves to hear what the famed agnostic had to say on his pet hobby. Not all present were prepared to swallow his views. They were there mainly to see Ingersoll and enjoy his originality, his sarcasm and his wit and all were more than satisfied.

Limited space forbids anything like a full review of the lecture. It took one hour and 55 minutes to deliver it. It was in brief a "free thought" address and was given up largely to a ridicule of the creeds of the Catholic and Protestant churches, a detailed discussion of the reliability of the books of the New Testament. He said that in Matthew, Mark and Luke there is not one word written requiring anybody to believe in any creed or to belong to any church, but in John there is trouble, caused he declared by interpolations which were not in the original manuscripts. He refused to accept that which was contradictory and not honest and reasonable. The Colonel devoted considerable time to a variety of twisting of the Trinity, and then closed with a grand peroration, beautiful in thought and splendidly eloquent.

INGERSOLL SAYINGS.

Many thousands of years the world has been filled with fears. Every church has said and still says it is dangerous to think.

Wicked industry supports pious idleness.

I believe in absolute freedom of thought. It is every man's right to think for himself and no pope or church has the right to oppress man.

Let us forget our religion and remember that we are men and women.

Blasphemy is a question of latitude and longitude. What is blasphemy in one country is not blasphemy in another.

You need not fear a God you cannot harm.

It is better for you to love your wife than God. You can help her. It is better for you to love your children than Christ. You can help them.

There are thousands of people in the world better than I am. They are doing the best they can.

Shall we be ruled by the dead or have our brains knocked out by the bones of ancestors?

No man can control his thoughts. What are you going to think about tomorrow?

I shall never attack anything that I think is good, but will always attack that which I think is bad.

Did you ever know of a beggar coming to town and asking for a Presbyterian, a Methodist, or a Baptist for a night's lodging? Or did you ever hear of a man who had money to loan, inquiring for a Baptist to make the loan, simply because he was a Baptist?

Who wrote the New Testament? Nobody knows. Christ never wrote a word of it.

What right has infinite wisdom to make a poor investment? If I could change this lamp into a man, and I knew he would be a murderer and go to hell, don't you think I had better let it stay lamp?

A man got up a motto for Jehovah, and it read: "Damn others as you would like to be damned yourself." There is sense in that.

Not one in a thousand reads the Bible. If Methodists they read what upholds their isms. If Catholics they pick out a dozen verses and stand by them.

I will never ask God to treat me any better than I'll treat folks.

I hate Presbyterianism, not Presbyterian. I hate Methodism, not Methodist. I hate Catholicism, not Catholic. I am against doctrines, not men.

The church has always been willing to swap off treasures in heaven for cash down.

Stand by the home. It is more important to build a home than a church.

No promise of God will ever make me heart my home.

It is Spain the Catholic church, which is a witness for Protestantism, stands erect and defiant. In the United States it is a witness for Catholicism, and it is the destruction of the intellect. No girl should be allowed to take the veil and

renounce the joys and ecstasies of this life, and I believe that convents should be visited once a year to release all who may express the slightest wish to leave the institutions.

Take love from the world and there is no excuse for the universe.

I propose to stand by those who love me.

Signs are as necessary to-night as they ever were, and I would like a few myself. I believe in a religion of deed and duty, not creed and credulity.

Some say: "Ingersoll, suppose at the day of judgment, you would find that you were mistaken, what would you do? Why I'd say I was mistaken, and if I were sent to hell, I'd say: 'Do unto others as you would have others do unto you.' Live up to your doctrine."

The Episcopal church was founded by Henry VIII, now in heaven. If it had a few more ceremonies it would be Catholic; a few less, nothing. Having less religion it does less harm, more good. It doesn't hate music, or architecture. It believes that a man can play cards, and God will overlook it, or look the other way. It teaches that it is easier to get religion after you get in the church. I don't know why, unless it is on the principle that after you get to be a member of the firm you can get goods at cost.

The Methodists have done more preaching for less money than any other church. They are doing the best they can. In the world figures show that 130,000 people are converted every year, and in the same time 40,000,000 are born. How long will it take 'em to convert the world? The church converts lots of people with a noise. When it gets quiet they backslide.

By and by they'll get all the thinkers out of the church. Then they will have a good time.

The Presbyterians have had lawsuits to determine which is the church, the old school or the new school.

All of the other churches differ only in degree of creeds and doctrines.

I have no ambition to be a pauper of the sky.

The church is getting civilized. When a thing gets too idiotic to be preached it goes to the Sunday School, and from there it goes to the negroes down south. The school house is my cathedral, intelligence my bible.

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Then they say to me: "What do you propose in place of this?"

Well, in the first place, I propose good fellowship. No matter what we believe, shake hands and let it go. Science makes friends; religion, superstition, makes enemies. They say: Belief is important. I say: No; notions are important. Judge by deed, not by creed. Good fellowship; good friends; sincere men and women; mutual forbearance, born of mutual respect. No man of any humor ever founded a religion—never. Humor sees both sides. While reason is the holy light, humor carries the lantern, and the man with a keen sense of humor is preserved from the solemn stupidities of superstition. I like a man who has got a good feeling for everybody; good fellowship.

One man said to another: "Will you take a glass of wine?" "I do not drink."

"Will you smoke a cigar?" "I do not smoke."

"Maybe you will chew something?" "I do not chew."

"Let me see your hat." "I tell you I do not eat hay."

Well, then, good-bye, for you are no company for man or beast."

I believe in the gospel of Cheerfulness, the gospel of Good Nature; the gospel of Good Health. Let us pay some attention to our bodies. Take care of our bodies and our souls will take care of themselves. Good health! And I believe the time will come when the pulpit will be looked upon as infirmities of the perpetrate disease. I believe the time will come when man will not fill the future with consumption and insanity.

I believe the time will come when we will study ourselves, and understand the laws of health and then we will say: We are under obligation to put the flags of health in the cheeks of our children.

Even if I got to heaven, and had a harp, I would hate to look back upon my children and grandchildren, and see them dying of disease, covered—all suffering the crimes I had committed.

I believe in the gospel of Good Living. You cannot make any god happy by fasting. Let us have good food, and let us have it well cooked—and it is a thousand times better to know how to cook than it is to understand any theology in the world. I believe in the gospel of good clothes; I believe in the gospel of good houses; in the gospel of water and soap.

I believe in the gospel of intelligence; in the gospel of education. The schoolhouse is my cathedral; the universe my bible.

I do not believe in forgiveness as it is preached by the church. We do not need the forgiveness of God, but of each other and of ourselves. If I rob Mr. Smith and God forgives me, how does that help Smith? If I, by slander, cover some poor girl with the leprosy of some impudic crime, and she withers away like a faded flower and afterward I get the forgiveness of God, how does that help her?

The Christians say, that among the ancient Jews, if you committed a crime you had to kill a sheep. Now they say "charge it." "Put it on the slate." It will not do. For every crime you commit you must answer to yourself and the one you injure. And if you have ever clothed another with woe, and with a garment of pain, you will never be quite as happy as though you had not done that thing. No forgiveness by the gods.

Eternal, inexorable, everlasting justice, as far as Nature is concerned. You must reap the result of your acts. Even when forgiven by the one you have injured, it is not as though the injury had not been done.

And I believe too, in the gospel of Liberty, in giving to others what we want for our selves.

I believe in the gospel of Intelligence. It is the only hope of a better world. Intelligence must be the savior of the world. Humanity is the grand religion, and no God can

man in hell in another world, who has made a little heaven in this. God can not make a man miserable if that man has made somebody else happy. God cannot hate anybody who is capable of loving anybody. Humanity—that is, brains all there is.

So I believe in this great doctrine of humanity.

"All but," they say, "it will not do. You must believe." I say, no. My respect of intelligence, my respect of good living, my gospel of good fellowship will cover the world with happy homes. My doctrine will put carpets upon your floors, pictures upon your walls. My doctrine will put books upon your shelves, ideas in your minds. My doctrine will rid the world of the abnormal monsters born of ignorance and superstition. My doctrine will give us health, wealth and happiness. Give us intelligence.

In a little while a man will find that he cannot stand without robbing himself. He will find that he cannot murder without assassinating his own joy. He will find that every crime is a mistake. He will find that only that man carries the cross who does wrong, and that upon the man who does right the cross turns to wings that will bear him upward forever. He will find that even intelligent self-love engenders within its mighty arms all the human race.

"Oh," but they say to me, "you take away immortality." I do not. If we are immortal, it is a fact in nature, and we are not indebted to priests for it, nor to bibles for it, and it cannot be destroyed by unbelief.

As long as we love we will hope to live, and when the one dies that we love we will say: "Oh, that we could meet again," and whether we do or not it will not be the work of theology. It will be a fact in nature. I would not for my life destroy one star of human hope, but I want it so that when a poor woman rocks her cradle and sings a lullaby to the dimpled darling, she will not be compelled to believe that 99 chances in a hundred there is rising kindling wood for hell.

One world at a time is my doctrine. It is said in the Testament, "Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof," and I say: Sufficient unto each world is the evil thereof.

And suppose after all that death does or did. Next to eternal life, next to being forever with those we love, and those who have loved us, next to that, let us be wrapped in the dreamlike security of eternal peace. Next to eternal life, eternal sleep. Upon the shores, shores of death the sea of trouble contains waves. Eyes that have been entranced by the everlasting dark, will never know again the burning touch of tears. Laps touched by a cruel science will never speak again the broken words of grief. Hearts of steel do not break. The dead do not weep. Within the tomb no child is weeping, no mother, and in the restless grave is crunched no shroud during fear.

I had rather think of those I have loved and lost, as having returned to earth, as having become a part of the elemental wealth of the world—I would rather think of them as unconscious dust. I would rather dream of them as gurgling in the streams, floating in the air, shrouding in the form of light upon the shores of worlds. I would rather think of them as the lost visions of a forgotten night, than to have even the faintest fear that their naked bones have been plucked by an orthodox God. I will leave my dead where nature leaves them. Whatever I fear of hopelessness up in my heart I will cherish, I will give it breath of sighs and rain of tears. But I cannot believe that there is any being in his universe who has created in human soul for eternal pain. I would rather that ever, god should destroy himself; I would rather that we all should go to eternal chaos, to black and starless night, than that you should should suffer eternal agony.

I have made up my mind that if there be a God, he will be unkind to the immortal.

Upon that rock I stand.

That he will not torture the living. Upon that rock I stand.

That every man should be true to himself, and that there is no world, no star, in which honesty is a crime.

Upon that rock I stand.

The honest man, the good woman, the happy child, have nothing to fear in this world or the world to come.

Upon that rock I stand.

O Liberty, thou art the god of my idolatry. Thy worshipers are of all that do no crime or crime. Thy sacred altar burns with no incense. Thy worshipers do not cringe or bow. In thy presence public men are human, the exorable, touch whose high, low shall flood the world.

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